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IN THE TREATMENT OF ARTHRITIS
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the final Office Action of July 16, 2002 for the above-referenced application, the following timely Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted.

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 30 and 33-38 without prejudice to future prosecution.

Please amend claims 22 and 26 as follows:

22. (Amended) The method of either one of claims 1 and 2, wherein said one or more symptoms of arthritis are selected from the group consisting of arthritis-related tissue inflammation, joint pain, joint stiffness, inability to move a joint normally, nodules, and swelling.